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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.133(b), Applicants supplement the description of the interview conducted on October 3, 2007, between Examiner Riggleman and Patrick R. Delaney, Esq. The differences between the invention and the prior art was discussed, including particularly Chan et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,500,050. The other prior art cited in the final Office Action was not specifically discussed as the discussion focused upon claims 16 and 17, against which only Chan et al. was applied.

It was explained that in Chan et al., only fresh water from an outside water source was used to dissolve the detergent in the apparatus disclosed in that reference and explained that claim 16

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could be modified to conform more closely to the embodiment disclosed in figure 1 of the specification by incorporating language reflecting a washing area, a first wash liquid circuit and a second wash liquid circuit. Examiner Riggleman agreed that this would help distinguish claim 16 from Chan et al.

Examiner Riggleman was very helpful in explaining his preference for adding certain other elements to claim 16, and modifying select other terms to avoid any potential issue with a term being indefinite. He explained his preference for the term partial flow in claim 16 and asked that claim 16 be modified to include a sensor element. Examiner Riggleman also noted that the conduit in element (c) of claim 16 was preferably specified as a bypass conduit. He also explained that the term connecting as used in claim 16 might be indefinite and asked that it be replaced with the alternative language, in fluid connection with, to clarify the meaning of that term.

In addition, Ex. Riggleman pointed out that a controller is normally programmed to have a function carried out rather than performing an actual function itself and asked that the controller element in claim 16 be modified to reflect this.

At the end of the interview, Examiner Riggleman was also very helpful in volunteering to further consider a claim amendment that incorporated the proposed limitations discussed during the course of the interview.


Examiner Riggleman's time and effort in advancing the prosecution of this application is very much appreciated by Applicants and the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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